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CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

TO RENEW DEMANDS

EMPLOYEES OF PACKERS WILL SEEK HIGHER WAGES.

Donnelly Refuses to Discuss Nature of Demands to Be Presented to Packers—Union on Its Feet for First Time Since Disastrous Strike.

Butcher workmen who tied up the meat cutting industry throughout the country in 1904, and who finally suffered defeat in the struggle, have been organizing for several months and it is said are about to present demands to the packers. It is said the packing butchers in South Omaha, East St. Louis, St. Joseph, and to a certain extent in Kansas City and St. Paul, are joined with the Chicago butchers in the movement.

A meeting of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Workmen of America is to be held in New York April 23 to fix a date for concerted action in presenting their demands.

Joseph Masterson, of New York, second vice president of the butchers' organization, is in Chicago conferring with President Michael Donnelly.

Mr. Donnelly said Thursday night that the butchers' union was in better shape now than at any time since the big strike. At that time the union was almost completely disorganized on account of the dissatisfaction among its members over the terms of settlement, but according to Mr. Donnelly three-fourths of the skilled butchers employed by the packers have again joined forces.

Mr. Donnelly declined to state the demands that will be made on the employers.

CONGRESSMAN FAVORIT FREE.

No Trial in Louisiana for Killing Under Cuvierlin Law.

Democratic Congressman George K. Favrot, of Baton Rouge, La., was set free Thursday after having been in jail continuously for about a five months, under arrest on a charge of murder and awaiting the action of the grand jury. Thursday the second grand jury refused to indict the congressman. Mr. Favrot last November shot and killed Dr. R. H. Aldrich, of Baton Rouge, who had been his life long friend. The congressman declared the physician had made disparaging remarks about Mrs. Favrot. The shooting occurred immediately after an exciting election and while Favrot was still judge of the Baton Rouge court, which has now set him free. He resigned and was indicted by a grand jury which had been selected under his jurisdiction before the shooting. Because one of the jurymen was illiterate the finding was quashed.

TAWNEY BACK FROM ISTHMIUS.

Tells President Canal Can Be Finished in Five Years.

Chairman Tawney, of the house committee of appropriations, and Representative Olcott, who have recently returned from a visit from the isthmus of Panama, Thursday discussed with the president conditions as they found them. Mr. Tawney is favorably impressed with the progress being made in the canal work and told the president he thought at the present rate the waterway should be completed in five years. He said he regarded it as unfortunate that the Engineering World had been representing to the people an almost impossible engineering problem confronting it. The principal conditions now to be met, he said, were those of sufficient railroad capacity to take care of the dirt excavated, and sanitation, with the view to keeping the place in a good healthful condition.

Bad Wreck in Canada.

Nine adults and six children are missing as the result of a wreck on the Canadian Pacific west of Chapleau, Ont. According to an official statement issued by the Canadian Pacific, the train was partly derailed by a broken rail. Five cars ran down the embankment and caught fire from a cooking stove.

Ship Goes Ashore in a Fog.

The Great Eastern Railway company's steamer "Brussels" went ashore in a dense fog off Harwich with about sixty passengers on board. It is expected the vessel will be hauled off at high water. The passengers on the Brussels were taken off Thursday afternoon.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$5.75. Top cows, \$6.45.

Constantine in Chicago.

Frank J. Constantine, alleged murderer of Mrs. A. W. Gentry, arrived in Chicago from New York on the Twentieth Century Limited, and was immediately taken to a nearby police station.

Salary Boost in Wisconsin.

The senate Thursday concurred in an assembly resolution increasing the pay of members of the Wisconsin legislature from \$500 to \$1,000.

OHIO HIS ONLY BOSS.

Foraker Declares Himself in Speech at Canton.

In the presence of 1,200 people Senator Joseph B. Foraker Wednesday night delivered an address at Canton, O., defending his actions as a public servant and declaring his willingness to abide by their decision in the future. The occasion was the annual banquet of the Canton board of trade.

Senator Foraker discussed published statements regarding the president's attitude toward the senator's speech at this time and replied to a publication mentioning him as one of an anti-Roosevelt combination, reviewed the investigation of the discharge of the negro soldiers on account of the trouble at Brownsville, Tex.; reiterated his views regarding recent railroad legislation; protested against the infringement by one branch of the government of the rights of another branch; declared that the representatives of the people in congress are accountable only to the people and are not "properly subject to any other influence; denied the right of anyone except his constituents to call him to account, and sounded a note of warning against increased surveillance of business men who need no "moral regeneration."

IN JAIL FOR CONTEMPT.

Judge Punishes Official of Barber Lumber Company.

L. G. Chapman, manager of the Barber Lumber company, of Boise, Idaho, is in jail, committed for contempt by United States District Judge Beatty. An application was filed at once made to Circuit Judge Gilbert at Portland for a writ of habeas corpus. For some weeks a United States grand jury has been investigating the manner in which the Barber Lumber company obtained title to a large amount of timber lands owned by it on Boise river and its tributaries. Mr. Chapman was subpoenaed to bring in all books, letters, check stubs and other records of the company. On his deeming he was ordered by the court on Saturday last to bring in all the records touching upon acquisition of title to lands. Tuesday he appeared before the jury with the books and papers containing such records.

SLAY FAMINE IS APPALLING.

Twenty Million People Are Facing Starvation.

Dr. Kennard, of London, commissioner of the Society of Friends, who was sent to investigate the Russian famine, writing from Samara, in the heart of the famine district, appeals to the United States and Great Britain to promptly send help. He says: "There are 20,000,000 people distributed in the southern provinces of Russia who are without aid and cannot live to see another harvest."

In Samara alone, the commissioner adds, thousands are dying, and 750,000 are starving. Of the latter only 372,700 are getting relief, a dose of one meal in twenty-four hours. As the meal is only two pounds of bread and a bowl of soup, this, according to the commissioner, means dying by degrees. Even this meager dole in countless instances is divided among many mouths.

SAYS ROBBERY IS SOLVED.

Chicago Paper Asserts Subtreasury Theft Is No Longer a Mystery.

The Chicago Evening Journal says the mystery surrounding the theft of \$172,000 from the United States subtreasury here has been cleared. The alleged thief is said to be a negro scrub woman, whom the secret service officers have taken charge of, and are endeavoring to get from her some trace of the missing money.

Used Mail to Defraud.

The grand jury at Topeka returned an indictment against H. H. Tucker, Jr., of Cherryvale, Kan., secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company, charging him with using the mails to defraud. The company has a capital of \$17,000,000.

Brewers Strike Settled.

The strike difficulty between the Western Pennsylvania Brewers' association and the Brewery Workers' union, which affected fifty-three plants in Pittsburgh and vicinity, has been settled. The conditions were not made public.

On Strike for Three Years.

The miners of the Thyrbergh Hall colliery, near Yorkshire, Eng., who went out on strike nearly three years ago, have refused the terms offered by their employers to return to work. The strikers have received over \$150,000 strike pay from their union.

American is Cut to Pieces.

The collector of the port of Trinidad, says Gen. Lee Christmas of Memphis, Tenn., an officer in the Honduras army, was cut to pieces by Nicaraguan soldiers.

Finds New Sun Spot.

Dr. S. A. Mitchell, instructor in astronomy at Columbia university, declares he has discovered a new sun spot as large as that discovered by Prof. Brashear on Feb. 13.

Prohibits Bucket Shops.

Both houses of the Texas legislature have passed a law prohibiting the operation of "bucket shops," cotton exchanges or any dealings in futures in Texas.

PEARY READY TO TRY AGAIN.

Another "Dash" for Pole to Begin in June.

The application of Robert E. Peary for leave of absence of three years, which was approved Tuesday by the secretary of the navy, has uncovered the fact that Commander Peary definitely purposes to make another attempt this summer to reach the north pole. The three years' leave of absence during which he made his famous journey to the farthest point north ever reached by man—87 degrees 6 minutes—expired last Sunday, and the new leave begins at once. It is expected the start will be made some time in June.

Funds necessary for the next trip to the north pole have not yet been obtained in adequate quantity, but it is stated that there is no uncertainty as to that. Morris K. Jessup and another well known man of wealth, who caused his connection with the enterprise to be kept secret, furnished practically all of the \$150,000 for the purchase of the Roosevelt and the fitting out of the expedition. Mr. Jessup has been ill recently, but it is said maintains his interest in the explorer's efforts to reach the pole.

The Roosevelt is at Shooters' Island and is being refitted with new boilers. The hull is sound and the changes in interior arrangements which Mr. Peary has decided upon will not be capt.

Robert Bartlett, of St. Johns, N. F., sailing master of the Roosevelt, has been notified to come to New York in May to superintend the fitting out of the vessel. Commander Peary before the end of his last voyage determined to select his own crew for his next advance on the pole in order to avoid the troubles which arose because of unruly and discontented spirits among his last ship's company. He will pick every man to be taken.

Sledges will again be the dependence of the explorer, and he will again follow the American route, making a dash across the ice from his winter quarters toward the pole, which he is more confident than ever of reaching.

SENTENCES ARE COMMUTED.

Sues for Amount of Policy on Husband's Life.

Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie, who was convicted several years ago in Butler county of murdering her husband, Harvey Lillie, and was paroled from the penitentiary by Gov. Mickley, has begun suit in district court for Matt Miller, her attorney, against the Modern Woodmen of America for \$2,000, the value of a policy held by her husband in the order.

The appeal of the case of Mrs. Myers to the supreme court of the United States will now be dismissed by her attorneys. In a message to the secretary of state relative to the action in commuting the sentence Gov. Folk states that he believes public morals will be better conserved by commuting the sentence of Mrs. Myers to life imprisonment than by hanging her. In the case of her accomplice, Frank Hotman, he said similar facts to those in the Myers case exist, and for that reason he also commuted Hotman's sentence to life imprisonment.

IGNORE NEW LAW.

Express Companies Claim Emergency Clause Is Not Effective.

None of the express companies doing business in Nebraska have lowered their rates in compliance with the new state law reducing express charges 25 per cent. The bill was passed April 5 and signed by the governor at once. The bill went into effect as soon as passed and approved.

NEW DEAL WITH GERMANY.

Temporary Scheme Arranged to Continue Low Tariff Rates.

Baron Sternberg, the German ambassador, and Secretary Root have reached the basis of a modus vivendi which will continue to grant to American goods imported into Germany the privilege of minimum tariff rates. This arrangement is temporary in character, being intended to prevent a break in the present tariff rates on American goods until such time as congress may have an opportunity to pass upon a permanent treaty regulating the commerce between the two countries.

Marseilles Bakers Strike.

One thousand bakers went on strike at Marseilles, France, Tuesday, their employers having refused to grant their demands. They paraded the streets carrying red flags and singing revolutionary songs. Owing to the precautions taken by the authorities there were no disorders.

Smashers Holds Gold Cup.

Elmer E. Smashers will retain the gold cup won by his horse, Major Delmar, in a race with Lou Dillon in 1904, as the result of the verdict returned Tuesday by the jury in the suit brought by the Memphis Trotting association.

Winter Wheat's Condition.

The agricultural department at Washington Wednesday reported the condition of winter wheat and rye up to April 1 as follows: Wheat, 89.9; rye, 92.

A Bomb is Exploded.

Another bomb explosion occurred at Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday morning and several casualties are reported to have resulted. All dispatches are very strictly censored. The population is showing signs of a great panic.

Peace Conference June 15.

June 15 has been fixed upon for the opening of the second international peace conference at The Hague

News of Nebraska

OMAHA ROW TO THE COURTS.

Bitter Fight Over the City Engineer's Office.

After an all-night bombardment by the city council of Omaha to secure possession of the office of the city engineer, Edward Rosewater, the latter secured and had served on the bombarding forces an injunction restraining them from taking possession of his office by force, or in any way molesting him and his force in the discharge of their duties.

The injunction was served Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock, after the councilmen had secured workmen and removed several doors in the suite of rooms occupied by Rosewater, and were on the point of forcibly entering his private office.

Thomas Shaw, elected by the council to succeed Rosewater, declares the council will back him up, and the city attorney is preparing to fight the matter to a finish.

The injunction was issued by Judge Kennedy of the district court, and will come up for hearing soon.

Mr. Rosewater is a brother of the late Edward Rosewater, and has held the office a number of years. Mr. Rosewater was appointed to succeed himself by Mayor Dahlman soon after the latter's election, but the city council refused to confirm the appointment. Since then he has held the office under the provision of the law that he shall retain the office until his successor is appointed and qualified. The appointment of Shaw by the city council is made under a provision of the charter which members of the council claim gives that body authority to appoint city officers when the mayor has fallen within a specified time to do so. This is the point the courts will be asked to settle.

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GRAIN MEN PLAN TO GET CARS.

Propose Action to Compel Railroads to Furnish Facilities.

Some thirty grain men owning elevators and doing business along the line of the Missouri Pacific met in Nebraska City to perfect organization for their own mutual protection, and at the same time not violate any of the laws.

Organization was perfected by electing Joseph Dyer, of Manly, president, and J. M. Elmer of Springfield, secretary. A committee consisting of W. B. Banning, E. A. Duff and A. F. Denton was appointed to secure good legal talent so as to get the best advice regarding the matter of perfecting this organization.

The grain men want better rates and cars in which to ship their grain when it is contracted for or in their elevators. They want to ascertain if they cannot bring action against railroads when their grain is contracted for and they cannot secure cars. As soon as this committee reports the organization will be perfected.

LINCOLN MAY BE "DRY."

Citizens Face Prospect of Drink Ban Until May 13.

For the first time in its incorporated history Lincoln may become a "dry" city the coming week. Under the new charter saloon licenses expired Wednesday, and the new municipal year will not begin until May 13. Of the forty-one saloons in the city only four were open Wednesday, made possible because the saloon licenses were late in being granted last year. Of the four two must close Thursday, the third a week from last Wednesday and the fourth a day or two after.

In the meantime leading prohibitionists have filed suit in the district court to enjoin the excise board from issuing any licenses whatever the coming year.

GRADING WILL BEGIN IN MAY.

Nebraska Central Interurban Road to Be Pushed Rapidly.

Secretary J. H. Rodgers, of the Omaha and Nebraska Central Railroad company, said that the contractors would begin grading for the interurban road early in May. The officers of the company had hoped to have the work under way by the last of March, but the contractor who was first employed was unable to leave for other work for which he had already been engaged. The contractor now engaged will begin work at the Hastings end of the line. W. H. Fuller, chief engineer, will next week begin the task of placing grade stakes along the right of way.

BREWERS WILL MAKE FIGHT.

To Attack Law Passed by Nebraska Legislature.

Fred Metz stated that the breweries of Omaha and South Omaha will fight out in the courts the law just passed by the legislature preventing the breweries from owning saloon buildings. Metz is senior member of the Metz Brewing Co., of Omaha. He said the brewers felt it meant a practical confiscation of property valued at \$1,500,000 and the matter will be fought to the highest courts.

Beatrice Council Organized.

The new council was organized at Beatrice. A. P. Sage being elected president on the fourteenth ballot. Mayor Reed made the following appointments: City attorney, L. M. Pennington; city physician, Dr. C. W. Walden; engineer, A. J. Fathoud; street commissioner, A. J. Johnson; chief of police, J. T. Moore; night officer, Wirt Ellis; janitor, John H. S. Walker.

Burlington's Crop Report.

The Burlington crop report, the first of the season was: Winter wheat has gone through the winter in good shape and in all parts of Nebraska is in generally good condition at this time. The acreage does not seem to be materially increased in southern Nebraska, but in the southwestern portion it is considerably larger.

Ellis Case to the Jury.

The trial of Forrest Ellis, a former Norfolk insane hospital attendant, charged with assault with intent to do bodily harm, was wound up Wednesday and went to the jury. County Attorney Kobelgstein, H. F. Barnhart argued for Ellis' conviction, while Senator Allen made a plea in his defense.

Out Seeding in Progress.

The seeding of oats is in progress throughout Cuming county, the rain having put the ground in first class condition. A large acreage of wheat has been sown during the past two weeks. The ground is in fine working order and prospects are good for a favorable season for the farmers.

Bridges is Sentenced.

John P. Bridges, who was convicted at Nebraska City this term of court on the charge of assault upon his daughter, was called before District Judge Jensen and given ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor. Bridges claimed that he was innocent of the crime.

Children Accustomed to Fire.

The West school building at Fremont caught fire for the third time within a month and at the same place. As usual it was extinguished without much damage being done, and the children marched out without excitement.

Death of Rastus Schaefer.

Word was received at Tekamah of the sudden death of Rastus Schaefer, of Fairfield, Ia., who was at the station ready for his departure to Tekamah to make it his future home.



NEW YORK.

Trade responds to seasonable weather distribution of spring merchandise, fully equaling sanguine expectations, and country merchants purchase liberally from wholesalers at leading centers. Reports from principal cities are uniformly favorable, active business being accompanied by further improvement in collections. Leading industries are fully occupied and no strikes of more than local significance have materialized. Manufacturers are busy on goods for early shipment and ample business for later seasons promises continued activity. Improved traffic conditions make deliveries more prompt. Few lines of finished steel can be delivered promptly, mills averting four to six months' capacity engaged, and quotations are consequently well maintained. Primary markets for textiles are more quiet, but there is no diminution in the output of mills except where labor cannot be secured. Commodity exchanges have resumed normal conditions and prices show some recovery from the unsettled position after the Easter holiday, which was prolonged abroad—Dun's Review.

Despite some cross-currents in demand, due mainly to the withdrawal of the Easter stimulus to trade and a succeeding spell of cold weather, the developments of the week have been mainly favorable. Chief, perhaps, of these is the final satisfactory settlement of the western railway men's demands by arbitration. All reports as to trade in wholesale and jobbing circles in the first quarter are in a high degree favorable, and failure returns confirm the smallest number of casualties for a generation past. Reports from most leading industries are still of full order books and of backward deliveries. There is, however, slightly more manifest disposition to move more conservatively as regards distant positions, some easing of metal quotations and a softening of asking prices for various products, and the jewelry, shoe, leather and wool trades note quiet, pending a clearer view of later developments. Business failures in the United States for the week ending April 4 number 137, against 166 last week and 151 in the like week of 1906. Canadian failures for the week number 20, against 21 last week and 17 in this week a year ago—Bradstreet's Report.

CHICAGO.

Spring trade shows steady advance in the leading branches, and the remarkable volume of new demands reflects continued strength in the buying power, making the best testimony that confidence in the outlook for industry suffers no impairment. The city election interrupted dealings in the primary markets and the operations in breadstuffs and live stock were lessened, but factory production, wholesaling and forwarding of finished products and general merchandise exceed those of a year ago.

Failures reported in the Chicago district numbered 13, against 22 last week and 22 a year ago. For the first quarter of this year the similar failures totaled 296, against 359 in 1906 and 360 in 1905—Dun's Review.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime \$4.00 to \$6.75; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.00 to \$6.05; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$6.25; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 43c to 45c; oats, standard, 43c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 68c to 69c; hay, timothy, \$13.00 to \$18.00; prairie, \$9.00 to \$10.00; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 30c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 15c; potatoes, 30c to 48c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, choice heavy, \$4.00 to \$6.05; sheep, common to prime, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 43c to 45c; oats, standard, 43c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 68c to 69c; hay, timothy, \$13.00 to \$18.00; prairie, \$9.00 to \$10.00; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 30c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 15c; potatoes, 30c to 48c.

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Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 78c to 81c; corn, No. 3, 40c to 42c; oats, standard, 41c to 42c; rye, No. 1, 80c to 70c; barley, standard, 70c to 71c; pork, mess, \$15.85.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$6.00; hogs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$7.15; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$5.40; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$8.50.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.30; hogs, \$4.00 to \$7.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, red, 80c to 82c; corn, No. 2, 53c to 54c; oats, natural white, 47c to 49c; butter, creamery, 29c to 31c; eggs, western, 15c to 17c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 44c to 45c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 42c to 43c; rye, No. 1, 68c to 69c; clover seed, prime, \$9.15.

Sparks from the Wire.

A coal fire occurred at Port of Spain, Trinidad, during which the manager of an estate was killed.

Former President Cleveland was presented with a silver loving cup by the entire undergraduate body of Princeton university in honor of his seventieth birthday.

The Rothschilds have purchased for \$5,000,000 the famous Heaton group of copper mines on La Touche Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska, according to reports received in Seattle.

Does a good turn—the latchkey.